

provided in the budget for the current year is Rs. 18,000. This sum is insufficient as it is proposed to raise the grants to certain schools which in 1101 owing to lack of funds had their grants decreased. Also new technical schools and Sanskrit schools and additional classes in existing Sanskrit schools have been opened and funds are required for grants-in-aid to them.

The fourth sub-item in the amount of Rs. 78,400 asked for is Rs. 1,195 required for grants-in-aid of stipends to teachers under training. The sum provided in the current year's budget is Rs. 19,000 and it is found that a further sum of Rs. 1,195 is necessary.

The third item is Rs. 20,000 for grant-in-aid for fee concessions made by the Managers of private schools in accordance with G. O. No. 465 of 25/Legislative E. dated the 15th May 1924. The amount provided in the current year's budget is Rs. 45,000 of which Rs. 40,000 has been placed at the disposal of the Inspector of English Schools. Previously applications for fee concessions which had been considered and rejected were not afterwards considered, but Government have ordered that such applications may be re-entertained in subsequent years. The result has been an increase in the number granted of fee concessions and in the demand for grants-in-aid under this head. Of the Rs. 40,000 allowed to the Inspector of English Schools, Rs. 39,740 has already been spent on the award of grants to 24 English High Schools and 49 English Middle Schools. The claims for grants from the remaining 6 English High Schools and 67 English Middle Schools amount to nearly Rs. 20,000 and bills for Rs. 11,000 are already pending in the Inspector's office.

The demand was put to the vote and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND V—EXCISE DEPARTMENT.

MR. A. J. VAN ROSS (*Excise Commissioner*): Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant for Rs. 23,200. The first item is purchase of equipment and clothing for the use of the Excise Department, Rs. 7,000. The second item is transport charges of salt from the South Travancore Factories to Trivandrum and Quilon depots, Rs. 15,500. The third item is postal money order charges for transmission to Devicolum of customs collections in the Karinkulam chowkey, Rs. 700.

The first item as I have said is for equipment and clothing. Under this item a sum of Rs. 13,000 was sanctioned in 1101. But the amount was not wholly expended in that year. A sum of Rs. 5,000 alone could be expended because the articles that were ordered could not be supplied in the same year owing to the coal strike. The cloths were supplied only after the close of the Malabar year.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Was it before the preparation of the budget or after the budget of 1102?

MR. A. J. VAN ROSS (*Excise Commissioner*): After the budget. So that, the allotment for 1101 could not be expended in that year. The amount sanctioned for this year is, Rs. 13,000 out of which Rs. 7,000 and odd has already been spent.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know why the amount was not spent in 1101?

MR. A. J. VAN ROSS (*Excise Commissioner*): Because the cloths were supplied only in Edavam.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): That is after the preparation of the budget for 1102?

MR. A. J. VAN ROSS (*Excise Commissioner*): Yes. So I require a sum of Rs. 7,000 for equipment and clothing. Then the second item is transport charges of salt from the south Travancore factories. At the time the budget was prepared, the output of salt was low. And I did not expect that the output would increase and therefore the allotment asked for was a small sum of Rs. 30,000. I now find that I could arrange for the transport of a quantity larger than I expected.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): What is the amount provided in the budget?

MR. A. J. VAN ROSS (*Excise Commissioner*): Rs. 30,000.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the department expended the whole amount?

MR. A. J. VAN ROSS (*Excise Commissioner*): Yes. I expect to.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know the amount of salt that has been transported up to date?

MR. A. J. VAN ROSS (*Excise Commissioner*): 1,20,000 maunds.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): What is the rate for transporting?

MR. A. J. VAN ROSS (*Excise Commissioner*): Rs. 27 annas 4 per 100 maunds.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): What was the charge in the previous year?

MR. A. J. VAN ROSS (*Excise Commissioner*): Rs. 146 annas 2 per 100 maunds.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): How does he account for the difference in the rate?

MR. A. J. VAN ROSS (*Excise Commissioner*): It depends upon the contract rates which vary from year to year. The amount of Rs. 15,500 now asked for will come back to Government when the salt is sold. It is only in the nature of an advance.

The third item is postal money order charges for transmission to Devicolum of customs collections in the Karinkulam chowkey. Hitherto this was not needed because there was the light railway running to Munnar. The peons travelled by the railway to Devicolum with remittances. But now with the introduction of ropeway the light railway, has been stopped and the men have to walk 26 miles. They are not able to do this distance in the day-time and part of it has to be traversed during night.

MR. K. K. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): What is the total collection of excise revenue?

MR. A. J. VAN ROSS (*Excise Commissioner*): Rs. 1,66,000.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): You compute by the Malabar year or the English year?

MR. A. J. VAN ROSS (*Excise Commissioner*): Malabar year. There is no Anchal Office. I have requested Government to kindly establish an Anchal Office there. So till the Anchal Office is established we have to send the money by postal money order.

The demand was put to the vote and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMANE XI—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, JUDICIAL
DEPARTMENT AND ADDITIONAL HEAD SIRKAR VAKIL'S OFFICE.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 2,500 for purchase of books for civil and sessions courts under 16 B. In the Budget for the Judicial Department, for 1102, Rs. 3,500 was sanctioned for the purchase of books for civil and sessions courts. The High Court have now represented to the Government that this amount is hardly sufficient for effecting purchases. In 1101, Rs. 6,000 was sanctioned. In 1102 also, Rs. 6,000 was sanctioned. But out of this, Rs. 2,500 was ear-marked for the purchase of the reprint of the Travancore Law Journal for the Magistrates' Courts. Hence it is found that the amount of Rs. 3,500 is not sufficient for the purchase of books for the civil and sessions courts.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): May I know what are the books purchased?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): A sum of Rs. 2,500 was ear-marked for the purchase of the reprint of the Travancore Law Journal for the use of Magistrates' Courts. Hence, the money allotted for the purchase of books for the use of civil and sessions courts was found insufficient. Formerly, only about Rs. 400 used to be sanctioned for the Magistrates' Courts and this sum was found insufficient.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): By civil courts, do you mean that all civil courts are included?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Except the High Court—

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Are Panchayat Courts included?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Yes.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): May I know what is the urgency in this matter?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): They do not as a matter of fact get even the usual allotment.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Do the Magistrate's Courts come under civil and session courts?